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Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced that Agni Lisa Brown was sentenced Monday by U.S. District Judge James C. Cacheris, to 30 months in prison and three years probation on charges of conspiracy to violate the Mann Act and the White Slavery Act, as well as transactional money laundering charges stemming from the operation of her brothel. Her daughter, Maria Antonietta Mourizaki, was sentenced on February 24, 2006, to 27 months in prison and three years probation on charges of conspiracy to violate the Mann Act and the White Slavery Act. Brown was also ordered to file amended tax returns for years 2000 to 2004 and to make arrangements to pay these back taxes.

Between 2000 and 2005, Brown and her daughter, Mourizaki, ran a brothel located in Springfield, Virginia. The brothel operated from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m., six days each week, with customers paying female employees cash in exchange for sex. The women were often immigrants in the country illegally.

As part of her sentence, Brown forfeited a portion of the proceeds from the sale of her Alexandria, Virginia home, \$168,900 found at her home, another home in Cape Charles, Virginia, a 2003 GMC Envoy, \$23,180.65 seized from her banks accounts and \$2,006 found in her vehicle.

This case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service's Criminal Investigation Division and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael E. Rich and Erik R. Barnett.

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